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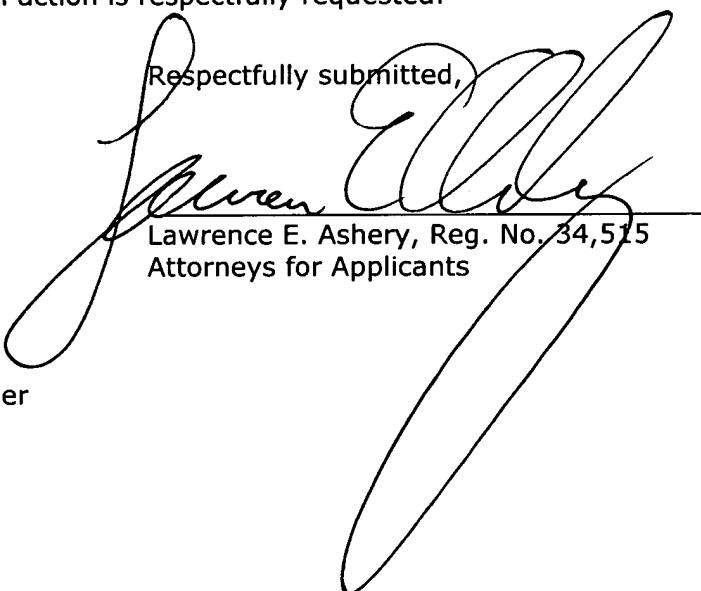
Remarks/Arguments:

Claim 23 has been objected to. Claim 23 has been appropriately amended. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Claim 23 has been rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting. In response, a terminal disclaimer is enclosed. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

In view of the amendments set forth above, the above-identified application is in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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Attachment: Terminal Disclaimer

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